(2) strict control over licensing of drug formulations.

(3) strengthening of the Inspectorate staff in the State.

(4) establishment of a separate intelligence machinery to tackle the problem of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs.

(5) constitution of special courts to deal with the offences under Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Its recommendations were communicated to the State Government and the State Governments have been requested repeatedly to give effect to the recommendations. A proforma has been prescribed for monthly submission of reports by the State Drugs Controllers and the State Government have been requested to send monthly reports on drawal of samples and analysis of them. These reports are being consolidated and commented upon. Also a list of equipments necessary for drug testing laboratories has been communicated to the State Units and the State Governments have been requested to equip their laboratories accordingly. On 22nd February, 1986 a meeting of the State Health Minister was held exclusively to discuss matters relating to implementation of Drugs and Cosmetics Act and the P. F. A. Act. At the meeting the Health and Family Welfare Minister urged the State Health Ministers to strengthen the drug control machinery with the object of putting down production distribution and sale of substandard and spurious drugs.

Finalisation of New Education Policy

1028. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new education policy has been finalised by Government;

(b) if not, by when it is expected to be finalised and whether it is likely to be announced in Parliament in the current session; and

(c) whether it is likely to be implemented from the next academic year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The draft New Education Policy will be presented in Parliament during the current session. Some aspects of the new policy would be implemented with effect from 1986-87.

Recognition to the Open Universitiy Hyderabad

1029. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government have demanded for recognition by the University Grants Commission of the Open University, Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information furnished by the University Grants Commision, it has been decided to declare the Andhra Pradesh Open University, Hyderabad, fit to receive Central assistance in terms of the rules framed under Section 12 B of UGC Act subject to the amendment of the Act of the University and on receipt of an assurance from the University that it would use of the balance amount of Rs. 87.84 lakhs on studios, library and academic buildings, so that the total permanent assets of the University are worth Rs. 2 crores.

Ship repair Project at Haldia

1030. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state: